(b) whether Government have been apprised of the demands of this agitation;

(c) if so, what are those demands; and

(d) what action Government are contemplating to meet the demands of the said employees and save this premier Institution from the present stalemate?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No Sir. However, some of the members of the ISI Workers' Organisation had gone on a token hunger-strike for 24 hours on 20-6-89.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The main demands are immediate implementation of the decisions of the Indian Statistical Institute Council in regard to pay-scales for the non-faculty staff and payment of HRA, at old rates, to the employees occupying jhupris in the ISI campus.

(d) The Government has already agreed to the proposal of the ISI for payment of compensation to the employees occuping jhupris in the ISI campus. The existing non-faculty staff has been given the corresponding Fourth Pay Commission replacement scales, with effect from 1-1-1986. A final decision regarding the pay-scales for new entrants, and for the existing employees on their promotion has not yet been taken.

Low-Production of Telephone equipments

1540. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of telecommunications equipment is not keeping pace with the rising demand therefor;

(b) if so, the steps taken to increase the production of telecommunications equipment and thereby reducing the import thereof; and

(c) what is the projection made regarding the production and import of equipment during Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The capacities of the existing factories in the Central Government/State Sector are being expanded and new factories are being set up in Private and Joint Sectors.

(c) The projections are being worked out and are yet to be finalised in consultation with the Planning Commission. The current estimates are that the total requirement of the telecom equipment would be of the order of Rs. 19,000 crores in the Eighth Plan. The import content will be identified during the course of finalisation of the Plan.

Production of electronics goods

1541. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase the production of electronic goods in the country; and

(b) the details of specific plans drawn up to increase the production of electronic goods in Orissa during the Seventh and the Eighth Five Year Plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Steps taken by Government to promote the Electronics Industry are given the enclosed Satement. (*See* below).

(b) It is proposed to set up a Software Technology Park at Bhubaneswar. With a view to upgrading the technology of the indigenous electronic equipments, a LSI/VLSI Design Centre is also being set up at Bhubaneshwar. Department of Electronics under its Standardisation Testing and Quality Control Programme provides quality promotional services to electronics industry through nation-wide network of laboratories/centres. Location of one such Electro-